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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

AB 1466 (Koretz) would authorize State agencies to adopt "Don't Trash California" (and the equivalent Spanish phrase) as their state unified litter prevention and recycling message. The bill would also allow the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to establish an interagency litter-prevention and recycling message committee to collaborate on utilization of the unified litter prevention and recycling message. The bill provides that State agencies phase in the new message, replacing existing signage over the course of time, and doing it with existing resources.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) recommends that the County support AB 1466 because the unified litter prevention and recycling program envisioned in this bill will create an effective marketing tool to encourage Californians to be environmentally responsible, while ensuring protection of natural resources. DPW reports that, while they cannot estimate the costs or savings, it is anticipated that the long-term savings from litter prevention and recycling efforts will be substantial. A recent staff report to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee says that the annual costs to the CIWMB would be less than \$20,000, but there is no estimate for statewide savings. According to DPW the bill is supported by *Keep California Beautiful* and *Heal the Bay*. The Natural Resources Committee's staff report does not list any support for, or opposition to, the bill.

Support for AB 1466 is consistent with a number of Board actions intended to encourage recycling and promote litter prevention, including authorizing DPW to expend

County and grant funds on the reduction of trash discharged into the storm drain system. **Therefore, the County's Sacramento advocates will support this bill.**

AB 1466 was introduced on February 21, 2003. It was passed by the Assembly on January 29, 2004 by a vote of 50 to 28. It was sent to the Senate and assigned to the Committee on Environmental Quality where it is awaiting the scheduling of a hearing.

Status of County-Interest Legislation

County-supported AB 1618 (Firebaugh), which would require railroad companies in California to develop an approved protocol for rapid communication with the State Office of Emergency Services, the California Highway Patrol, and designated local agencies in an endangered area during emergency situations where there is a runaway train, was amended on March 22, 2004 to require the railroad corporations to develop the protocol within 90 days of the effective date of this bill, instead of by March 1, 2004. AB 1618 remains in the Senate third reading file where it awaits further action.

County-supported AB 2446 (Montanez), which would expand the list of projects eligible for joint-use bond funding to include parks, recreation centers, cultural arts centers, technology centers, health clinics, and athletic fields, was amended on March 23, 2004 to allow a joint-use partner to use "in kind services" to meet its 25% match requirement. The Department of Parks and Recreation reports that this is a positive change, which will allow the County to partner on projects without having to use cash for its matching share. **Therefore, the County's Sacramento advocates will continue to support AB 2446.**

We will continue to keep you advised.

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